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Northwest Region Potato Stocks on December 1, 2019 Totaled 171.4 Million Hundredweight

Potato stocks in Idaho on December 1, 2019 totaled 95 million cwt. Disappearance of the Idaho crop to date was 39.0 million cwt. December 1 potato stocks in Oregon totaled 17.9 million cwt. Disappearance to date was 4.78 million cwt. In Washington, December 1 potato stocks totaled 58.5 million cwt. Disappearance to date totaled 43.0 million cwt. Nationally, the major potato States held 267 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2019, down 4 percent from December 1, 2018 for comparable States. Potatoes in storage accounted for 63 percent of the States' 2019 production. For comparable States, potatoes in storage accounted for 67 percent of the States' 2019 production, unchanged from the previous year. Potato disappearance, at 155 million cwt, was down 2 percent for comparable States from December 1, 2018. Season-to-date shrink and loss was reported as 13.3 million cwt.

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 26.7 million cwt. of potatoes for the season, up 5 percent from December 1, 2018. In Washington and other Oregon counties, 34.7 million cwt of potatoes had been used by processors for the season, down 5 percent from the previous year. Processors in the 8 major States used 76.3 million cwt of potatoes for the season, up 3 percent from December 1, 2018. Dehydrated usage accounted for 11.9 million cwt of the total potatoes processed, down 14 percent from the previous year.

Fall Potato Production and Stocks — 13 Major States: December 1, 2018-2019

[Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2019 totaled 27.6 million cwt]

State	Crop of 2018			Crop of 2019		
	Production	Stocks December 1, 2018	December stocks as a percent of production	Production	Stocks December 1, 2019	December stocks as a percent of production
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(percent)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(percent)
California ¹	3,212	2,200	68	17,028	2,800	16
Colorado	21,722	15,600	72	19,666	13,800	70
Florida ²	5,512	(NA)	(NA)	6,831	(D)	(D)
Idaho	141,750	101,000	71	133,980	95,000	71
Maine	15,035	10,900	72	16,480	12,400	75
Michigan	18,240	10,500	58	19,475	12,100	62
Minnesota	18,705	12,800	68	18,040	12,300	68
Montana ³	3,885	3,700	95	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Nebraska	9,264	5,000	54	9,259	5,100	55
New York ³	3,886	2,000	51	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
North Dakota	23,725	17,000	72	20,945	14,000	67
Oregon	27,000	21,100	78	22,680	17,900	79
Texas ²	7,438	(NA)	(NA)	7,612	(D)	(D)
Washington	100,800	57,500	57	101,475	58,500	58
Wisconsin	27,135	20,000	74	28,980	20,500	71
Other States ⁴	-	-	-	-	2,700	(NA)
Total ⁵	414,359	279,300	67	422,451	267,100	63
Klamath Basin ⁶	(NA)	5,100	(NA)	(NA)	5,200	(NA)

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(NA) Not available.

¹ Beginning in 2019, estimates represent all potatoes.

² Estimates began in 2019.

³ Estimates discontinued in 2019.

⁴ Includes data withheld above.

⁵ For 2018, production total excludes Florida and Texas.

⁶ Includes potato stocks in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Already included in the total.

Quantity of Potatoes Used for Processing — 8 States: 2017-2019

[Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun.]

State and crop year	Current Year	Following year						Season
	To December 1	To January 1	To February 1	To March 1	To April 1	To May 1	To June 1	
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon								
2017	24,840	31,920	38,950	46,610	54,060	61,285	69,840	87,379
2018	25,325	32,020	39,495	47,395	55,250	63,225	71,340	95,974
2019	26,655	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine								
2017	1,510	1,880	2,370	2,880	3,460	4,010	4,560	4,829
2018	1,470	1,890	2,400	2,870	3,450	3,870	4,290	5,050
2019	1,585	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington and Oregon ¹								
2017	32,885	39,925	46,515	54,355	61,780	68,555	76,495	91,160
2018	36,405	43,420	50,400	57,720	65,095	71,405	79,130	97,176
2019	34,720	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other States ²								
2017	10,030	14,181	18,075	22,740	26,535	30,425	34,740	42,856
2018	10,643	15,048	18,836	23,479	27,079	30,423	34,392	40,470
2019	13,315	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States								
2017	69,265	87,906	105,910	126,585	145,835	164,275	185,635	226,224
2018	73,843	92,378	111,131	131,464	150,874	168,923	189,152	238,670
2019	76,275	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dehydrated ³								
2017	10,595	14,304	18,085	21,680	25,775	29,800	34,410	44,263
2018	13,810	17,065	20,775	24,420	28,315	32,620	36,660	47,648
2019	11,855	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

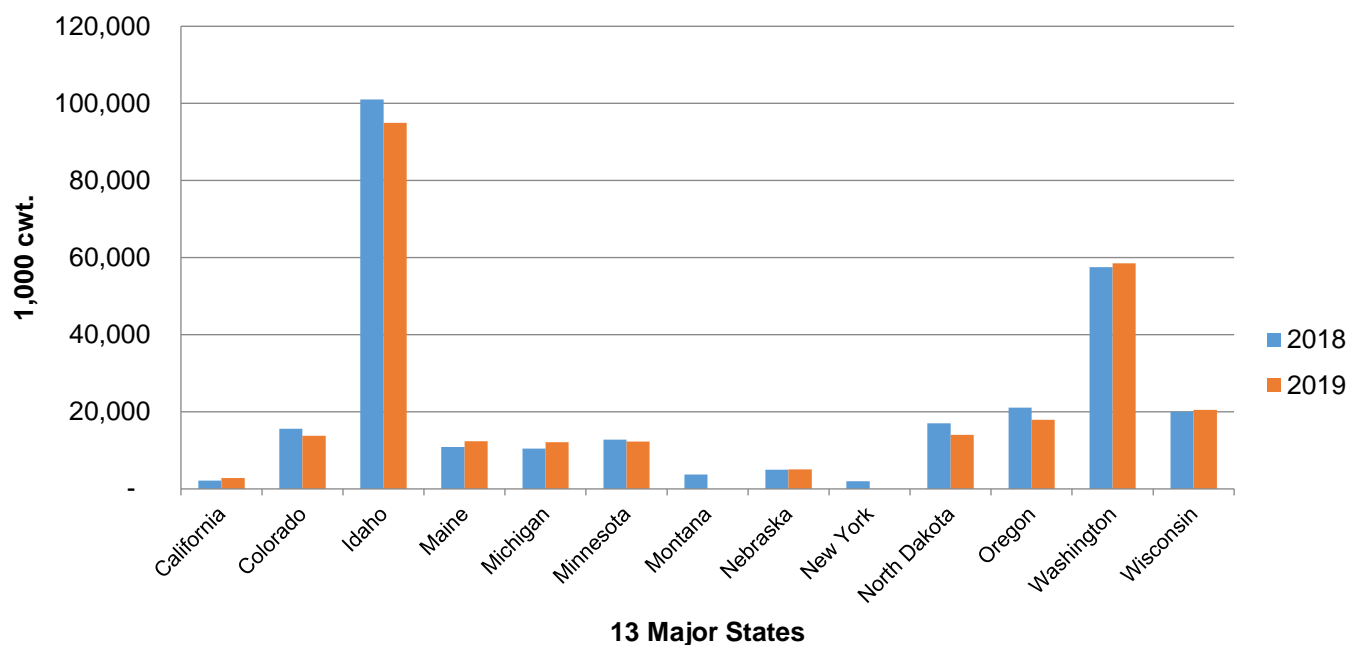
- Represents zero.

¹ Oregon excluding Malheur County.

² Colorado, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin.

³ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Includes Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Oregon, and Washington.

Potato Stocks December 1, 2018-2019



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